2026 TOWN ELECTIONS

Gregory Sawicki - Precinct 1

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Serving on the Winchester Board of Health has been one of the most meaningful ways I have been able to give back to this community. Over the past 4 years, I've worked with dedicated colleagues, town staff, and residents to strengthen the systems that keep our families healthy.

My experience in public health has shaped how I approach this role: listen carefully, rely on evidence, and focus on practical solutions that make a real difference in people's lives. That perspective has guided our efforts to modernize local health regulations so they are clear, fair, and aligned with current practice. Updating policies isn't about adding rules—it's about ensuring they reflect today's realities and protect our community for the future.

I'm especially proud of the ongoing work supporting youth well-being led by the Winchester Coalition for a Safer Community. These efforts continue to address mental health and substance use concerns and strengthen prevention and education efforts. Public health starts early, and investing in youth is one of the most important responsibilities we have. Ongoing partnerships with the School Department will continue to advan goals.

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Local public health works best when it is steady, thoughtful, and community-centered. Experience matters—not only in understanding the science, but in navigating complex issues with transparency and respect. I remain committed to serving with integrity, collaboration, and a deep belief in Winchester's future. I would be honored to continue this work.

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13 YEARS OF DATA, ONE SATURDAY: Takeaways from Winchester's override vote and the races that surrounded it

Winchester News reviewed precinct-level election results from every annual town election since 2014 — 13 years of data covering turnout, ballot questions, Select Board races, School Committee contests and Planning Board results — and compared them against the March 21 preliminary numbers. The 2026 results have not yet been certified by Town

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With override rejected, Winchester shifts from campaigning to budget planning

After Winchester voters rejected an $11.5 million Proposition 2 1/2 override on Election Day, March 21, the governing question in town has shifted from persuasion to arithmetic. Select Board member Bill McGonigle, who served on the Yes for Winchester campaign, said the defeat has changed how he approaches

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Voters fill Town Meeting seats across Winchester; four incumbents unseated

The biggest shakeup came in Precinct 7, where two officeholders lost in an 11-person contest, matching Precinct 4 for the busiest race.

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Winchester ZBA waives town regulations to move Washington/Swanton project along

Town officials have approved waivers of regulations for a residential/commercial development project at Washington and Swanton streets. The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) on March 19 approved the waivers for a 40B project at 278-292 Washington St. and 12 and 16-20 Swanton St. in a special meeting preceding a

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Network for Social Justice to celebrate 35th anniversary

The following was submitted by the Network for Social Justice: The Network For Social Justice turns 35 this spring! There will be a celebration on Saturday, April 11, from 7-9:30 p.m., at the Sons of Italy, 117 Swanton St., Winchester. Connect with your local friends and neighbors as

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Winchester Community Music School presents Jazz Jam Session

The following was submitted by the Winchester Community Music School: On Saturday, March 28, join the community at Winchester Community Music School, 407 Highland Ave., for a Jazz Jam Session, an afternoon of fun, spontaneous jazz playing, beginning at 3 p.m. Instrumentalists and vocalists of all skill levels are

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